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TEXT OF STATEMENT ON RELATIONS WITH JAPAN. THIS WAS ADOPTED
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RELATIONS WITH JAPAN

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL HEARD THE REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF
THE COMMISSION ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN FULFILLING THE MANDATE
GIVEN TO HIM BY THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AT ITS LAST MEETING IN
DECEMBER TO CONTINUE AND INTENSIFY HIS CONSULTATIONS WITH TH
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JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO JAPANESE BALANCE
OF PAYMENTS SURPLUSES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE WORLD ECONOMY AS A
WHOLE.

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AGREED THAT THE EEC-JAPAN JOINT
COMMUNIQUE OF 24 MARCH COULD BE REGARDED ONLY AS A FIRST STEP IN
CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE PURSUED VIGOROUSLY WITH

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ON THE BASIS OF THE GUIDELINES AGREED BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN FEBRUARY. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL NOTED WITH APPROVAL THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON 3 AND 4 APRIL AND DREW ATTENTION TO THE NEED FOR JAPAN TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES FOR THE RAPID REDUCTION OF ITS CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS, WHICH CONTINUES TO CAUSE CONCERN.

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL ASKED THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION AND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO KEEP THE QUESTION UNDER REVIEW AND COMPLETE THE REPORT TO BE CONSIDERED AT ITS NEXT MEETING IN JULY.

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